

Name Deputy General at Arms Center

Brig. Gen. W. E. Laidlaw has been named Deputy Commanding General of the Ordnance Ammunition Center at Joliet, it was announced today by Brig. Gen. Joel G. Holmes, commander of the Center.

Gen. Laidlaw is presently scheduled to assume command of the Ordnance Ammunition Center this fall, upon the retirement of Gen. Holmes.

As deputy, Gen. Laidlaw will assist Gen. Holmes in directing the army's ordnance ammunition program, which in the past year amounted to \$2.5 billion. The Center and its 23 ammunition plants all over the country are responsible for nearly all U. S. production of artillery shells, rockets, bombs, mines, grenades and pyrotechnics.

A NATIVE of Cincinnati and a former member of the Ohio National Guard, Gen. Laidlaw graduated from the U. S. Military Academy in 1926 and began his Ordnance Corps' career in 1931.